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FOR THE WEEK OF

CITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 29** Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.
Environmental Services Council, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

- Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-Noon
Holiday Craft Show, Community Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Holiday Craft Show, Community Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Special Collections
Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.
City Council Work Session, 7:30 p.m.
Planning Commission, 7:45 p.m.
- Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.
Economic Development Authority, 6:30 p.m.
Board of Equalization, 7 p.m.
- Second Half Real Estate Tax Due (Paid in Treasurer's Office)
General District Court in Session
Board of Equalization, 7 p.m.
Falls Church Cable Access Board, 7 p.m.
Recreation & Parks Advisory Board, 7 p.m.
Story Hour, 7 p.m.
First Night of Hanukkah
- Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.
- FIRSTfriday Event
- Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-Noon
Children's Holiday Shoppe, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Special Collections
Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.
City Council, 7:30 p.m.
Volunteer Fire Department Business, 8 p.m.
- Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court in Session
Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.
Board of Equalization, 7 p.m.
Housing Commission, 7:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Volunteer Tax Preparers Needed

The City of Falls Church is seeking volunteers to help low- and moderate-income residents prepare and e-file their taxes. Volunteers must pass the IRS test to be certified. Free training is available. Volunteers work a flexible schedule during tax season (mid-January-mid-April). Volunteers will work at Falls Church City Hall during regular business hours. For more information contact 703-248-5113 (TTY 711) or flippin@fallschurchva.gov.



Register for the City's Online Newsletter at www.fallschurchva.gov



alert.fallschurchva.gov
Register to Receive Emergency Alerts

Get Your Shopping Done at the 15th Annual Holiday Craft Show Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 2

Deck the halls this holiday season with special gifts from the 15th Annual Falls Church City Holiday Craft Show. More than 60 crafters will take over both floors of the Falls Church Community Center (223 Little Falls St.) selling unique handmade items and baked goods from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1 and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2. Admission to the craft show costs \$1 for adults and \$.50 for children 12 and over. Free admission for children under age 12. Lunch by Ledo Pizza is available for purchase both days.

Children are invited to the Lil' Elf's Workshop to enjoy special activities. Saturday, Dec. 1 activities include breakfast with Santa from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., a puppet show at 12:30 p.m., and a craft corner from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Children can visit with Santa on Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Falls Church Cable TV professionals will film videos of children with Santa at a cost of \$10 per video.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, the Lil' Elf's Workshop will feature a Winter Magic Show from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and a craft corner and free face painting from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Reservations and pre-payment required for Breakfast with Santa (\$4), the puppet show (\$4), and the Winter Magic Show (\$5). Reservations and payment can be made by calling 703-248-5077 (TTY 711). All other children's activities are free.

Both days of the show will also feature performances by students from the George Mason High School chorus and band.

For more information and reservations, call 703-248-5077 (TTY 711). The City of Falls Church is committed to the letter and spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act. To request a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability, call 703-248-5077 (TTY 711).

COMMUNITY SERVICES FUND • NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

City of Falls Church • FY 2009

Applications for the City of Falls Church Community Services Fund (CSF) for fiscal year 2009 will be accepted through Dec. 7, 2007.

The CSF is an annual competitive program that provides grants to nonprofit organizations seeking City support for human services programs and activities. It is City policy to support nonprofit housing and human services organizations through annual competitive grants.

Organizations requesting grants funds must submit their application proposals to the Department of Community Services, Housing and Human Services Division, City of Falls Church, 300 Park Avenue, Suite 100W, Falls Church, VA. **Applications must be delivered/received by NOON on Friday, Dec. 7, 2007.**

Applications will be screened by staff for eligibility and forwarded to the City's Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) for review. Recommendations from HSAC will be forwarded to the City Council as part of the annual budget appropriations process. Grants are discretionary and will be awarded subject to funding availability.

Applications may be downloaded from www.fallschurchva.gov/services/hhs/announcements.html. Orientation information sessions are available by appointment by calling 703-248-5191 (TTY 711). New applicants are strongly encouraged to schedule an information session appointment.

For application packages and/or additional information please contact:

Housing and Human Services • 300 Park Ave., Suite 100W • Falls Church, VA 22046
703-248-5005 (TTY 711)

Leaf Collection Schedule

City crews are collecting loose leaves through Dec. 14. Residents who wish to have their loose leaves collected should rake their leaves to the curb, but avoid gutters and sidewalks wherever possible.

• **Week of Dec. 3** – Tuesday and Wednesday refuse collection zone (areas of the City *south* of Broad Street)

• **Week of Dec. 10** – Thursday and Friday refuse collection zones (areas *north* of Broad Street)

Bundled brush will not be collected Dec. 24 or 31 due to holidays; normal curbside collection will resume Jan. 7, 2008. For details about City collection of yard waste call 703-248-5081 (TTY 711). For leaf collection information call 703-248-5281 (TTY 711) or visit www.fallschurchva.gov.

Classes and Events

Special Events

Holiday Craft Show

Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 2, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Community Center, 223 Little Falls St.

More than 60 crafters will sell unique handmade items and baked goods. Admission to the craft show is free for children under 12, \$.50 for children 12 and older, and \$1 for adults. Children's activities available both days, including a craft corner, face painting, breakfast with Santa, and a Winter Magic Show. Fees and reservations apply to some children's activities. Call 703-248-5077 (TTY 711) for more information.

Children's Holiday Shoppe

Saturday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-2p.m.
Cherry Hill Farmhouse, 312 Park Ave.
Volunteers will help children select and wrap inexpensive holiday gifts (\$5 and under) while parents view the decorated farmhouse. Call 703-248-5171 (TTY 711).

Winter Break Camps

All camps will take place in the Community Center. Call 703-248-5077 (TTY 711) to register or for more information.

All American Sports Camp (ages 6-11)

Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 26-28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
This is a fun and exciting sports camp that encompasses skill instruction in a variety of sports from passing, catching, and dribbling.

The Mini Doodlers: Colorama (1/2 day camp) (ages 3-6)

Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 26-28, 9 a.m.-noon
The Doodlers Camp: Colorama (ages 6-12)
Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 26-28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Get messy or stay clean but don't let the chance to express yourself go by. Today's the day to add a little color to your life! Jump into a painting with Jackson Pollock or help Picasso create Le Bouquet.



City of Falls Church
Farmers Market
Every Saturday
from 8 a.m. - Noon

Going Green

Green Holiday Tips

The amount of garbage in the waste stream increases about 25 percent during the holiday season. On average, an extra **100 million tons of trash is generated WEEKLY from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day**. Here are some ideas to keep your holiday green and your waste production to a minimum.

Green Decorating Tips

- Use beeswax or soy candles instead of regular wax candles.
- When replacing light strings, buy LED lights which use less energy.
- Go for high impact with fewer outdoor lights! Decorate one tree or put lights only around your door instead of the whole house.

Green Entertaining

- Use fireplace logs that are made from eco-friendly materials. Java logs are made from used coffee grounds and natural vegetable wax and produce 10 times less creosote and carbon monoxide than wood.
- Try to buy food that is local and organic. The Falls Church Farmers Market is the perfect place to buy local. Call 703-248-5077 (TTY 711) for details.

Green Gift Giving

- Give a National Parks Pass, concert tickets, museum memberships, movie gift certificates, or restaurant gift certificates instead of buying "stuff" that might not be used or appreciated.
- Give to someone's favorite charity in his or her name.
- Give gifts like reusable shopping bags, "sustainable" or organic clothing, and items made from recycled products.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle During the Holidays

- Recycle catalogues, wrapping paper, cardboard boxes, and cans and bottles. Call catalogue companies and remove yourself from the mailing list.
- Send e-cards instead of mailing holiday cards.
- Wrapping paper may be used over again or used as gift cards. Reuse bows and use natural raffia instead of ribbon. Use old maps or brown paper as wrapping. For large gifts try old pillowcases, tablecloths or bed sheets.
- Make room for the new! Give clothes, toys and housewares to charities before the holidays.

For more tips, contact the Environmental Programs Specialist at kallan@fallschurchva.gov or 703-248-5176 (TTY 711).

Falls Church Recreation & Parks Division 223 Little Falls Street Falls Church, VA 22046 703-248-5077*

Phone Numbers

Open Gym/Weather Hotline 703-248-5125*
Special Events Hotline 703-248-5178*
Fax 703-536-5125
Senior Center 703-248-5020*/21*

Community Center Hours

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - Midnight
Saturday 8:30 a.m. - Midnight
Sunday Noon - 6 p.m.

Open Gym Hours

Open Gym hours are updated on a bi-weekly basis and are also posted on the Open Gym Hotline, 703-248-5125*. All hours are subject to change.

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